

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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MIKHAIL LEONIDOVICH VASERMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 20-C-330

ANDREW M. SAUL,  
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**

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Plaintiff Mikhail Leonidovich Vaserman filed a complaint seeking review of a decision of the Commissioner of Social Security on March 2, 2020. This matter comes before the court on Plaintiff's motion requesting my disqualification in the case. Plaintiff asserts that he disagrees with the court's September 28, 2020 order, which granted the Commissioner one final extension to file the certified administrative case record, and that, based on the decision, Plaintiff believes the court favors the defendant. Section 445 requires that a federal judge "disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned" or when he "has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party." 28 U.S.C. § 455(a)–(b). Plaintiff's assertions are based on nothing more than his opinion that the court disfavors him. A court's unfavorable ruling is not a reason for a judge to recuse himself from a case, however. *See Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 555 (1994) ("[J]udicial rulings alone almost never constitute a valid basis for a bias or partiality motion."). The court does not harbor any bias or prejudice in this case. Because there is no basis for recusal in this case, Plaintiff's motion for disqualification (Dkt. No. 30) is **DENIED**.

**SO ORDERED** at Green Bay, Wisconsin this 21st day of October, 2020.

s/ William C. Griesbach  
William C. Griesbach  
United States District Judge